

**CELEBRATE MICHIGAN WEEK! MAY 20-26, 2006**



# Great Lakes, Great Traditions!

***Celebrating Michigan's Heritage Youth Photo Contest...  
Photograph a Favorite Michigan Historic Site***

***Open to all Michigan  
youth aged 9 to 19 as of  
January 1, 2006***

***Photo submission deadline:  
February 1, 2006***

**S**ix photos taken by young people will be selected from each of Michigan's five regions to send to the State 4-H Youth Development Office at Michigan State University. All 30 photos will appear on the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries Web site, and 12 of the 30 will tour Michigan beginning in May 2006.

The contest is coordinated by:

- Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development
- The Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries

With financial support from donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.



## **Finding a Michigan Historic Site to Photograph**

### ***What is a historic site?***

For this photo contest, a historic site is a building (such as a house), a structure (such as a bridge), an area (such as a neighborhood, a fairgrounds or a business district) or an object (such as a monument) that is 50 years old or older.

If you want to photograph a historic building, try to find one that looks like it did when it was built. Try to avoid historic buildings that are now clad in vinyl or aluminum siding (unless the aluminum siding is original to the building). If you can tell that an old building has a big addition on the front of it, it probably isn't a good subject for your photo. Ask yourself: "If the people who had this structure built were standing next to me today, would they recognize their building?" If you think they would, snap the photo!

### ***Types of historic sites found in Michigan***

A few of the many types of historic sites found in Michigan follow:

- Barns and other farm buildings
- Bridges
- Business districts

- Commercial buildings
- County courthouses
- Drive-in movie theaters
- Factories
- Fairgrounds
- Firehouses
- Gas stations
- Government buildings
- Grain elevators
- Hotels and motels
- Houses
- Larger school buildings
- Libraries
- Lighthouses
- Movie theaters
- Murals
- Neighborhoods
- One-room schools
- Parks (that is, landscapes created by people for recreational purposes such as picnic grounds, ballparks, fountains and pathways. Parks do not include natural history sites such as Tahquamenon Falls.)
- Places of worship
- Railroad depots
- Statues or public monuments
- Warehouses

### ***Michigan historic sites***

A few specific Michigan historic sites you might want to visit include:

- The Lightship *Huron*, docked in Port Huron's Pine Grove Park, which was "like a

mobile lighthouse" and warned other vessels of shallow waters and rocky shoals in Lake Huron.

- Second Baptist Church in Detroit, which was founded in 1836 by former slaves and served as a station on the Underground Railroad.
- The Gagetown Barn in Tuscola County, which is unusual for its architecture – it's round!
- McCourtie Park in Jackson County, which began as the estate of a wealthy man who owned a cement company. His home is gone now, but the 15 bridges on the property that are made of cement but sculpted to look like wood, remain.

### ***Where can I find historic sites in my community?***

You may already know of historic sites in your community. If not, or if you would like to find other historic sites in your community, use the suggestions that follow.

Check out the "Michigan Historic Sites Online" online database of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) at <http://www.michigan.gov/historicsites>. Once on the "Historic Sites Online" page you can find historic sites in your area by clicking in the left column on "Find Historic Sites", then "Community Search." Once you get to the "Community Search" page, you can select your "Community Type": County, Township, City or Village. Type your "Community Name" in the box and click on the "Search" button.

Visit your local library or historical museum. There may be people there who can guide you to historic sites in your community or show you photos of sites or locally

published books about historic sites in your community.

Talk to other people in your community who know local history. Nearly every community is rich in informal historians.

## **PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

### ***Who can participate***

All Michigan young people aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2006, are invited to photograph their favorite Michigan historic sites. There are three age divisions:

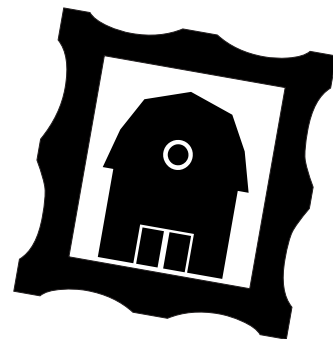
- **Junior** – For youth aged 9 to 12
- **Intermediate** – For youth aged 13 to 15
- **Senior** – For youth aged 16 to 19

### ***What to photograph***

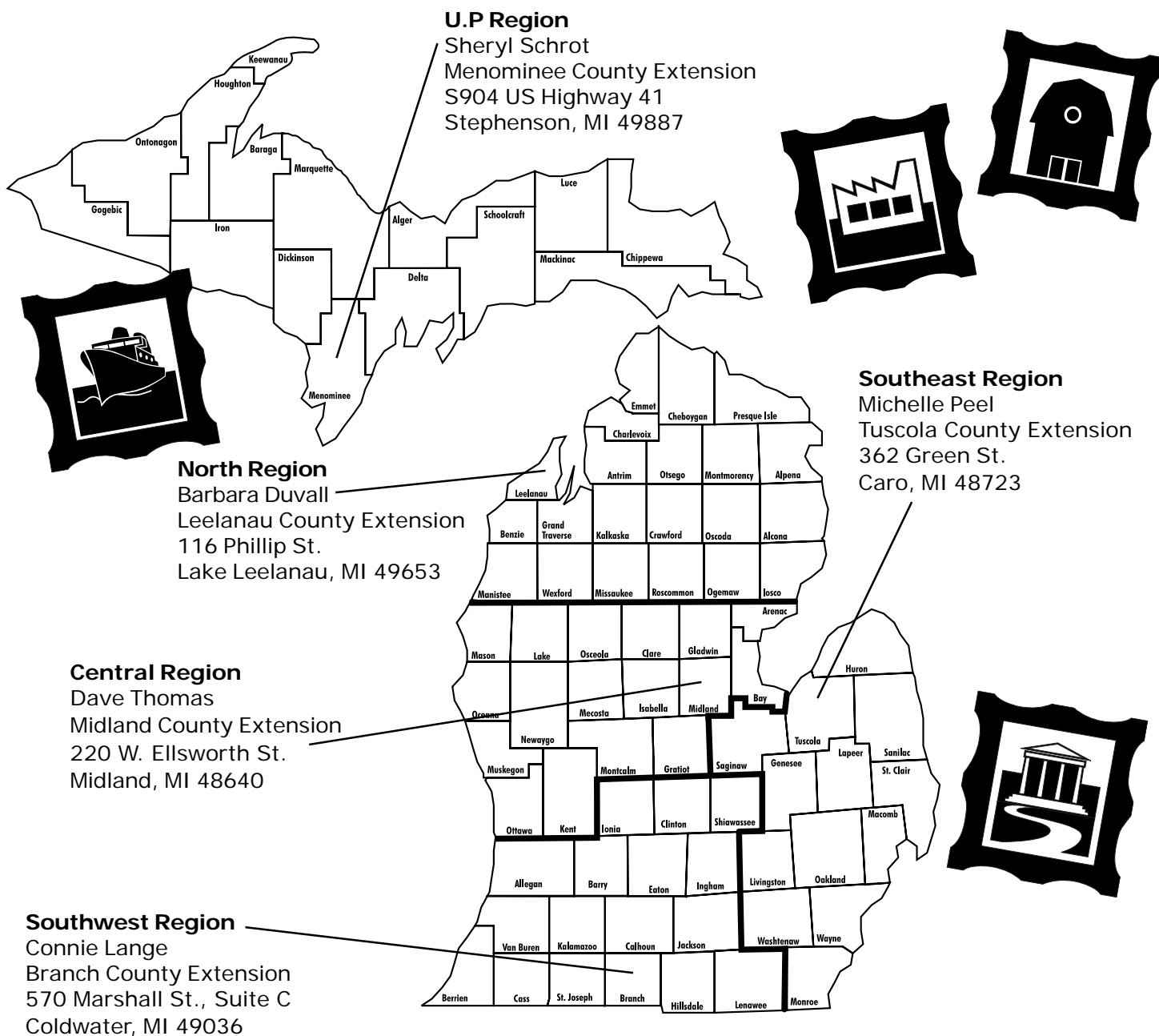
Each entrant may submit up to two photos, which can be two different views of the same historic site or two different historic sites. The following is a list of appropriate contest subjects:

- An entire building, structure, monument or area (consider including the historical marker if there is one)
- A detail of a building, structure, monument or area (such as a face in a monument or some fancy detail in a building)
- A remnant, such as the ruins of a deteriorating building
- Exterior and interior shots of public buildings
- *Exterior shots only* of private buildings. When photographing private buildings, do not go onto the property to take photos. Stay on the public right-of-way.

Include people in your photos only if they are too small, obscured or blurred to be identified. Please be respectful of all public and private Michigan historic sites.



# PHOTO CONTEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL COORDINATOR MAP



## Technical rules

The following rules cover cameras, film, discs, print size and more.

- ❑ Use a 35 mm (for black and white, color or slide film) or digital camera.
- ❑ Photographic prints must be no smaller than 3 inches by 5 inches and no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches.
- ❑ Prints must not be matted or mounted.
- ❑ If cropping is desired, draw crop lines on the print or on a photocopy of the print.
- ❑ Other than cropping, do not digitally manipulate the picture content (such as removing

power lines, altering the color balance, repositioning objects or merging objects from different photos).

- ❑ Digital photos must be high resolution for best print quality. Use the highest resolution setting available on your camera when shooting. Look for settings like "best" or "super fine." If available, choose "TIFF" or "JPEG" file type with lowest compression.)
- ❑ Indicate the correct negative number or file name when providing negatives or digital photo CDs.

# Michigan Week 2006 Youth Photo Contest Entry Checklist

Send your entry by **February 1, 2006**, to the regional coordinator in your region. See the Photo Contest Michigan Map to determine which region you are in and who your photo contest regional coordinator is.

Each photo entry must include the following:

- ☐ Two prints of the photo. (One print will be filed with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.)
- ☐ The original negative (for a black-and-white or color print), transparency (for slides) or photo CD containing the photo image in JPG format (for images

taken with a digital camera). Indicate on the CD the file name for the photo you are entering.

- ☐ Put 35 mm negatives in a separate envelope or photo sleeve.
- ☐ All photo materials (prints, negatives, transparencies and CDs) must be clearly identified with the entrant's name, county and phone number.
- ☐ Completed Photo Contest Application.
- ☐ Completed Photo Release Form.
- ☐ Self-addressed, stamped envelope (if you would like your photo entry returned).

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## Michigan Week 2006 Youth Photo Contest Application

*(Please print or type.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1, 2006 \_\_\_\_\_

4-H'ers: List county enrolled in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the historic site in your photograph? \_\_\_\_\_

How is this site known today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the complete address of the site you chose to photograph? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose to photograph this site? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this site important to Michigan or to your community? \_\_\_\_\_

Does this site have a Michigan Historical Marker or Centennial Farm Marker? Markers have a wolverine and either "Registered Michigan Historic Site" or "Michigan Centennial Farm" at the top. \_\_\_\_\_

Did you use a film-based or a digital camera? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the negative number or file name for your photograph? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Michigan Week 2006 Youth Photo Contest Entrant Photo Release Form

*This completed form must accompany all Michigan Week 2006 Youth Photo Contest applications.*

I authorize Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) to use my photographs and my full name (or that of my minor child named below) and give MSU and HAL and all persons or entities acting pursuant to MSU's and HAL's permission or authority, all rights to use these photographs. I understand that said photos will be used for educational, exhibition, advertising and promotional purposes in all conventional and electronic media, including but not limited to the Internet, and any future media.

I understand and agree that these images and recordings may be duplicated, distributed with or without charge, and/or altered in any form or manner without future or further compensation or liability, in perpetuity.

Youth entrant's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth entrant's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or guardian must sign if youth entrant is under 18 years old.)

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_